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CHINA MAY APPOINT

PEACE COMMISSION.

Washington, Sept. 5.—Within the

last 25 hours the United States gov-

ernment has received from its repre-

sentatives at foreign capitals much

material information in regard to the

attitude of the powers on the Russian

proposal to evacuate Pekin. These

give the general nature of the re-

sponses made to Russia by certain of

the powers. It is stated authorita-

tively that if there was at any time a

prospect of a serious international

clash this has been very largely if

not entirely removed by the harmoni-

ous character of the communications

the several governments are making.

The exact nature of the responses is

not made public by the state depart-

ment, for there are yet some replies

to be transmitted, and until all of

them are in the negotiations are con-

sidered in such an incomplete form

that they will not be made public. It

is said, however, that the answers go

much beyond the tentative character

of those heretofore referred to, and

are of a conclusive nature, so far as

showing the purposes of the govern-

ments, although they may not be

regarded as conclusive in accepting

or rejecting the particular proposi-

tion advanced by Russia. The re-

sponses are understood to be rather

long and somewhat argumentative,

similar in this respect to the Ameri-

can responses. This very fact is a

cause for congratulation among offi-

cials, as they point out that there is

no disposition to treat the proposal

with tenderness or in any manner to

give offense, but rather to bring the

powers together on a common basis.

On the whole, the general tendency

of the responses is to give entire

satisfaction here as to the course of

the negotiations.

The satisfactory progress of the

negotiations along these lines has

directed attention to the personality

of the envoys, who will likely repre-

of further Chinese depredations. In

another diplomatic quarter strong

belief is expressed that the requisite

compromise will be found by China's

re-establishing and naming peace

commissioners. Official information

has been reached Washington that

steps are now being taken by China

towards the appointment of such a

peace commission. In that event it

is believed by diplomatic officials

that the entire status of the negotia-

tions between the powers might be

changed and that Russia no longer

would feel impelled to insist upon

the withdrawal of her minister and

troops from Pekin, as all these matters

would be subject for the commission

itself to deal with. It is pointed out

also that in six days since the Russian

and American notes were given to

the world the sentiment has been

growing steadily in favor of continu-

ing the presence of troops at Pekin.

Meanwhile the policy of the United

States has been such as to leave us

entire freedom in our future action,

save and except that we are commit-

ted to withdraw our troops from Pe-

kin if Russia first withdraws hers

EARL LI'S DIPLOMACY.

London, Sept. 5.—The Chinese min-

ister here, Sir Chih Chen Lo Fong Lub,

admits the correctness, in a general

sense, of the cable message sent to him,

according to Shanghai advices, by Li

Hung Chang in which the latter is

quoted as saying:

"Our St. Petersburg minister has

persuaded Russia to leave Pekin. You

are useless if you cannot persuade

England."

The Chinese minister here also says

he has sent a powerful memorial to

Lord Salisbury urging him to adhere to

the Russian proposal to withdraw the

allied forces from Pekin, as he, Sir

Chih Chen Lo Fong Lub, believes it

will pave the way to a speedy settle-

ment. The minister also said the Chi-

nese people were sick of the war, that

the genius of Li Hung Chang's

plenipotentiary powers was undoubted

and that Li Hung Chang was working

in full sympathy with the emperor,

dowager empress and privy council, all

of whom favored peace.

The minister added that he himself

was still in communication with the

Chinese government, whose authority

remained entire and who were merely

temporarily residing in the province of

Shan Si

PARADED THROUGH FORBID

DEN CITY.

London, Sept. 6.—Gen. Sir Alfred

Gaselee, commander of the British

Indian troops at the Chinese capital,

wires as follows from Pekin, Aug. 29,

to Lord George Hamilton, secretary of

state for India:

"The allies marched through the

Forbidden City yesterday (Aug. 28).

The British had third place in the

procession, the Russians and Japanese

being in greater strength."

FEARS FOR MISSIONARIES.

New York, Sept. 5.—The Protes-

tant Episcopal Missionary society has

received a cable dispatch from Bishop

Frederick R. Graves, the bishop of

Shanghai and the lower Yang Tse val-

ley, in which he expressed some fear

for the missionary interests if the for-

eign troops should be withdrawn, and

also expressed decided distrust of Li

Hung Chang.

EXTERMINATING THE BOXERS.

Taku, Sept. 3.—It is reliably asser-

ted that native soldiery, acting under

the orders of Li Hung Chang, are

exterminating the Boxers in the pro-

vinces of He Non and Chi Li.

Four prominent Boxers were execut-

ed in Tien Tsin today. The French

shot two and the Japanese beheaded

the others.

The executions have had a good

moral effect.

Getting on Hoyt's Blind Side.

The Abbeville Medium shows its

"friendship" for Col. Hoyt as follows:

We have not said an unkind or dis-

respectful word about Col. Hoyt because

of our long friendship for him. After

his life record as a temperance man it

would be an injustice to him to put him

at the head of the whiskey business of

the State. There is something incon-

gruous about the idea. A true friend

of Col. Hoyt will not force him to go

into the whiskey business at this late

day.

Col. Hoyt has passed his three score

years and has always borne testimony

against whiskey and it would certainly

be a great outrage on him to make him

head man of the "State barroom" as

his friends call it.

President J. C. Wilborn, of the

Cotton Growers' Association, has adopt-

ed the suggestion of the president of

the Wheat Growers' Association that

the two associations should meet in

Greenwood at the same time, and has

issued a call to that effect. The wheat

growers in South Carolina are enthusi-

astic over the result of their work the

past year.

Powers are Divided

as to Leaving Pekin

Washington, Sept. 6.—The latest

expression as to the attitude of the

powers on the evacuation of Pekin

comes from the United States ambas-

sador at Paris, Gen. Horace Porter,

who has advised the authorities here

that the attitude of the French gov-

ernment is favorable to the position

taken by Russia. Almost simultaneous-

ly with this dispatch from Gen. Porter

came another from the American

charged affairs at Berlin, giving the

attitude of Germany on Russian pro-

posal. This in substance states that

Germany, while anxious to avoid

friction between the powers, re-

gards the conditions at Pekin such

as to require the continued presence

of German forces there. Neither Gen

Porter or Mr. Jackson gave the text

of the answers

These two highly important com-

munications bring the Chinese nego-

tiations to a very advanced stage,

though they are not yet concluded as

all the answers are not yet in. The

German and French answers, how-

ever, clearly indicate alignment of

the powers. It is generally accepted

that Germany's attitude is in favor of

remaining at Pekin will be concurred

in by Italy and Austria. Definite

word has been received here that

Austria favors remaining at Pekin.

The position of Japan is likewise

lacking in definiteness, although it is

believed in the best posted quarters

that if other nations remain at Pekin

Japan will deem it expedient to re-

main there also. It would seem

from this that France is the only

government to give concurrence to

the Russian proposition although the

United States has expressed a

purpose of following Russia's course

unless the other powers brought

about a modification of Russia's

position. Thus far Russia has not

expressed any purpose of modifying

her original position. It was stated

authoritatively today that Russia has

not ordered the departure of her

minister or troops from Pekin up to

this time, so far as the United States

government is advised. It is stated

also that no proposition has

been presented, but that the question

is practically the same as when first

presented, namely, as to whether the

troops will remain or be withdrawn

from Pekin.

The receipts of the communications

from Berlin and Paris brought about

willingness to withdraw her troops

provided an adequate guard is left

for the legations and on condition

that China formally requests evacua-

tion and opens genuine negotiations

for peace. Altogether appearances

are more hopeful, and it is likely that

when Field Marshal Count von Wal-

dersee arrives a fortnight hence at

Taku he will find the allies agreed

upon some common policy

Chang Chu Tung, Wu Tang vice-

roy, has telegraphed an urgent

appeal to the British consul in

Shanghai urging Great Britain to

institute peace negotiation. It is

reported that 2,000 Boxers have been

killed and wounded in conflicts with

the troops of Gen Yuan Shi Kai,

military governor of Shan Tung.

Is the United States

Planning New Move?

Washington, Sept. 7.—Minister Wu

arrived in Washington from Cape May

late this afternoon and proceeded di-

rectly to the state department. It is

understood that he had received an intima-

tion that the department officials were

desirous of conferring with him. For

nearly an hour the minister was closet-

ed behind locked doors with Acting

Secretary Hill and Assistant Secretary

Adee. None of the parties to the con-

ference was communicative as to the

conference, but at its conclusion, Dr.

Hill repaired to the White House with

a portfolio well filled with papers.

For several hours preceding the min-

ister's visit Acting Secretary Hill and

Assistant Secretary Adee had been

engaged in short conferences and it was

gathered that the negotiations relative